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Best of Braddock Awards 2015

Congratulations to the 2015 Best of Braddock Award winners! Every July, Supervisor Cook and the Braddock District Council host the Best of Braddock Awards to recognize those citizens, organizations, and businesses of Braddock District who have gone above and beyond to be the very best. Supervisor Cook and the Braddock District Council presented this year's Best of Braddock Awards at the Braddock District Council picnic on July 8th.

Citizens of the Year

Amy Zydel –Amy has become a champion for foster care children and foster care parents in the Braddock District and Fairfax County through her selfless devotion of time and talent. She is also a key supporter of “Let’s Help Kids,” a local charity aimed at giving a helping hand to elementary school age children whose parents are suffering financial hardship.



Supervisor Cook has served on Fairfax County Board of Supervisors since 2009 and lives in Kings Park with his wife and children.

Duwain Ketch – For many years, Duwain has worked with the Kings Park and Burke Centre Libraries. He is currently serving on the Executive Board of the Fairfax Library Foundation and is head of the Foundation’s Scholarship Committee. He has served in the past as a member of the Burke Centre Conservancy Board of Trustees and is a member of the Rotary Club of Burke.

Young Person of the Year

Jonathan McCarty –Jonathan is a member of Boy Scout Troop 1115. As part of his Eagle Scout project, he and his group of volunteers completed a trail improvement assignment in Accotink Park by digging a ditch next to the trail. This will help reduce the amount of standing water on the trail after rainstorms. All of the work had to be done by hand since it is located in an area of archeological importance.

Most Can Do Public Employee – Local

Dennis Barton – Dennis is from the Fairfax County Park Authority and volunteered to work overtime with Jonathan McCarty to help haul away the thirteen cubic feet of dirt that was removed when digging the trail ditch. Without his help, the project couldn’t have been completed.

Club or Organization Making a Difference in the Braddock District

Friends of Long Branch Stream Valley – This group is less than a year old and organized itself for the express purpose of improving both environmental and recreational opportunities in the Long Branch Stream Valley.

Neighborhood Enhancement or Beautification in the Braddock District, Community Group or Association

James Watkins and other members for the Commonwealth Swim Club property – When declining club membership and tight budgets caused the pool board to cut back on grounds maintenance funds, the grounds began to show signs of neglect. Mr. Watkins, a member of the swim club, stepped forward with his time and resources to remedy the problems.

Marilyn Stoney and other residents for the Kings Park West Townhouses Homeowners Association– When Marilyn's property began experiencing flooding issues she came to the board with a simple request which morphed into a full scale community storm water management project. She volunteered her experience as a program manager to research the problems, solicit bids, and oversee the work on behalf of the community. What was thought to be a small project became a storm water improvement project to improve areas throughout the entire community. She wrote a request for a NEPP grant to assist with replanting once the construction work was completed, and the community was awarded a grant to be used for materials and plants.

Special Recognition – A special recognition goes out to the employees of the Fairfax County Park Authority who worked with the residents of Olde Forge/Surrey Square to build the new community playground.

Honoring World War II Veterans on the 70th Anniversary of the End of the War

On June 23rd, Supervisor Cook hosted a ceremony in honor of the 70th anniversary of the end of World War II. Supervisor Cook recognized World War II veterans for their courage and sacrifices made during what is considered to be one of the most devastating wars in history.

Sixteen million Americans served in World War II. Sadly, over 416,000 of these brave Americans made the ultimate sacrifice and laid down their lives in service to our country. There are only 855,070 veterans still living, and every single day, 492 more World War II veterans pass on. In January 2015, the Board of Supervisors approved Supervisor Cook's board matter that directed the Board of Supervisors to invite World War II veterans to come before the Board this summer to be honored and recognized for their heroic service.



Supervisor Cook recognized the veterans for the numerous accomplishments made during their lifetimes. He emphasized the fact that these veterans had a strong sense of purpose, were steadfastly patriotic, understood the value of hard work, and believed in the importance of personal responsibility. Supervisor Cook stated that they gave more than many could ever imagine, and that they should continue to be recognized for their courage and contributions to our freedoms and way of life.

On the morning of the proclamation, Supervisor Cook welcomed forty World War II veterans to the Fairfax County Government Center. Supervisor Cook hosted a reception prior to the proclamation to welcome veterans and to thank them for their dedicated service. The ceremony began with a presentation of the colors by members of the American Legion Post 177, and the veterans were then presented with a proclamation by Supervisor Cook, which is now proudly being displayed at American Legion Post 177.

Braddock Neighborhood News

Supervisor Cook hosts a monthly television show, Braddock Neighborhood News, on Fairfax County Channel 16 which is available on most cable networks. Each month, Supervisor Cook invites topical guests on to share pertinent information with the viewers.

This month's show features Bruce Wright, the Chairman of Fairfax Advocates for Better Bicycling and Second Lieutenant E. Ivancic, with the Fairfax County Police Department's Neighborhood Patrol Unit. Fairfax County has over 5000 miles of roadways and 700 miles of trails within its boundaries. Motorists and bicyclists share our roads, and our trails are used by bicyclists and others for recreation, transportation, and exercise. Supervisor Cook and this month's guests discuss how residents can be safer and more lawful when it comes to biking.



The shows air throughout the month and can be seen Sundays at 5:00 p.m., Wednesdays at 7:00 p.m. and Fridays at 5:00 p.m.

Temporary Change in Library Hours Starting in September

Pohick Library will be under renovation beginning in September. The hours at Burke Centre and Kings Park libraries will be extended to serve additional customers. The change in hours at these two locations will begin Sunday, September 13th. In addition to their regular hours, they will be open on Wednesday evenings, Thursday mornings, and Sundays from 1:00 p.m. until 5:00 p.m. The staff from Pohick will be moved to the surrounding libraries to cover the additional hours. Pohick should reopen in the winter of 2017 and, at that time, Burke Centre and Kings Park will go back to their normal operating hours.

Supervisor Cook in the Community

Lord & Lady Fairfax: On June 2nd, Supervisor Cook attended an evening celebration for the Lord and Lady Fairfax winners which was held in the Government Center Forum. Braddock District's winners were Donna Goldbranson and Dr. Richard Chobot.

West Springfield Civic Association: On June 3rd, Supervisor Cook went to the West Springfield Government Center to speak to the members of the West Springfield Civic Association about issues in their area.

Danbury Forest Community Association Annual Meeting: On June 7th, Supervisor Cook attended the Danbury Forest Community Association Annual Meeting which was held at their community pool.

Braddock Road Project Community Meeting: On June 9th, Supervisor Cook hosted a community meeting about the projected Braddock Road project. These community meetings are designed to supply residents with information and also to allow a forum for ideas and feedback.

Seventh Annual Naturalization Ceremony: On June 12th, Supervisor Cook celebrated his birthday in grand fashion by taking part in the Seventh Annual

Naturalization Ceremony which was held at the Government Center.

Kings Park Elementary School Anniversary: On June 12th, Supervisor Cook participated in a celebration for the 50th Anniversary of Kings Park Elementary School.

High School Graduations: June is always a busy graduation month, and this year Supervisor Cook attended the Robinson Secondary School and Woodson High School Ceremonies on June 16th and the Lake Braddock Secondary School Graduation on June 17th.

Kings Park Shopping Center Giant Grand Opening: On June 18th, Supervisor Cook was pleased to take part in the opening celebration for the newly renovated Kings Park Shopping Center Giant.

Fairfax County Police Department 75th Anniversary Celebration: On June 20th, Supervisor Cook was proud to take part in the 75th Anniversary Celebration in honor of the Fairfax County Police Department which was held at the Government Center.

Ceremony Honoring WWII Veterans: On June 23rd,



Supervisor Cook hosted a reception at the Government Center for World War II Veterans. Later at the Board Meeting, he presented a proclamation honoring all WWII Veterans for their courage, contributions and service in defending the ideals of America.

Seniors of Kings Park: On June 25th, Supervisor Cook joined the Seniors of Kings Park for their annual lunch at Hunan West.

Marian Homes Ceremony: On June 25th, Supervisor Cook went to a special ceremony for the opening of a new Marian Homes opening in Springfield which will house people with intellectual disabilities.

World Police & Fire Games Opening Ceremony: On June 26th, Supervisor Cook was honored to take part in the Opening Ceremonies for the World Police and Fire Games. The Ceremony took place at RFK Stadium and events

occurred throughout Fairfax County.

AHOME Housing Hall of

Fame: On June 30th, Supervisor Cook attended the AHOME Housing Hall of Fame which was held at the Headquarters of the Northern Virginia Association of

Realtors. AHOME is a nonprofit advocacy organization that supports affordable housing in Fairfax and throughout Northern Virginia.



Sign up for Fairfax Alerts!

When the storms came whooshing through our area on the night of June 23rd and we woke up on June 24th to downed trees, closed roads, and no power, those who had signed up for Fairfax Alerts had already received multiple messages letting them know about the areas with immediate problems.

Fairfax Alerts is a system that allows you to pick the types of weather alerts you wish to receive, along with traffic and public safety alerts. You can choose up to ten delivery methods like home phone, cell phone, email, text messaging and more. You can even receive tax deadline reminders and updates.

This is a valuable service offered by Fairfax County and we strongly encourage all residents to sign up. The website is www.fairfaxcounty.gov/alerts/ and the process to sign up for these alerts is very straightforward. Help yourself and your friends by signing up today!

National Night Out 2015

Supervisor Cook will be going out with members of the Fairfax County Police Department once again to visit neighborhoods participating in this year's National Night Out, which takes place this year on Tuesday, August 4th. Join your friends and neighbors on America's Night Out Against Crime and send a loud, clear message to criminals: Don't mess with us!

What is National Night Out?

- Annual neighborhood-based crime and drug prevention event
- Opportunity to show neighborhood spirit and strengthen partnerships with local police
- Demonstrates neighborhood commitment to fight crime
- Observed in thousands of communities in all 50 states, U.S. territories, Canadian cities and military bases around the world

What happens that night?

- Between 6:00 p.m. and 9:00 p.m., neighbors, friends, and families lock their doors, turn on outside lights and spend the evening outside together.
- Includes special events, anticrime rallies, and activities for children.
- Police officers visit with as many neighborhood gatherings as possible.

How can I get involved?

- Get out there and enjoy!

- Offer to help support your neighborhood block party, cookout, or other planned event
- Volunteer to organize an event or gathering if none is planned in your neighborhood
- [Print and fill out a registration form](#) for your community event.

Call or e-mail a crime prevention officer at your district police station for more information about registering an event in your neighborhood. There's also information at <http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/police/nno/>.

• **Franconia District Station:**

Allie Eggers - alice.eggers@fairfaxcounty.gov (703) 922-0889

• **West Springfield District Station:**

Michael Stewart - michael.stewart@fairfaxcounty.gov (703) 644-5026

J.T. Frey - jt.frey@fairfaxcounty.gov

• **Fair Oaks District Station:**

Richard Twombly - richard.twombly@fairfaxcounty.gov (703) 352-2163

If you would like Supervisor Cook to make a stop in your neighborhood that night, please email [Lindsey Smith](#) or [Ann Sharp](#) or call Supervisor Cook's office at 703-425-9300.

Land Use Update

Chick-fil-A in Burke Centre. (PCA 83-S-02902; PRC-C-546-03; DPA-C-546-24) Staff has completed its review of the Chick-fil-A application and is recommending approval of the request. A link to the complete staff report, which identifies all issues of concern and how they were solved can be found [here](#).

The Burke Conservancy ARB previously approved the project and the Braddock District Land Use and Environment Committee will make its final recommendation on July 14th in Braddock Hall at a meeting which begins at 7:30 p.m. The project is currently scheduled for public hearing before the Planning Commission on July 15th at 8:15 p.m. The staff coordinator is [Joe Gorney](#). Register to speak before the Planning Commission [online](#) or by calling 703-324-2865 before 3:00 p.m. on the day of the hearing.

Townes at Burke Lake Crossing. Christopher Land, LLC is proposing to rezone 1.88 acres on the east side of Burke Lake Road (9537 Burke Lake Road in the Springfield District). The Applicant is currently proposing to construct

twelve townhomes with an effective density of 6.4 dwelling units per acre. Interested residents can review the submission [here](#) and will have the opportunity to review the plans and ask questions about the project on **Monday, July 13th at 7:00 p.m. at the West Springfield Government Center** (6140 Rolling Road). County staff will be present to answer questions and receive comments. Please call Marlae Schnare at 703-451-8873 for additional information about this meeting, which will be held in conjunction with the Springfield Land Use Committee. A public hearing before the Planning Commission is tentatively scheduled for September 23rd.

U-Haul It. (RZ 2015-BR-001, and SE 2015-BR-001). This Special Exception and rezoning application was unanimously approved by the Board of Supervisors after a public hearing on June 23rd. It will adapt the interior of an existing vacant warehouse at 5271 and 5285 Port Royal Road in the Ravensworth Industrial area at a Floor Area Ratio of .90 for use as a self-storage facility. In addition, the applicant sought to

rezone this property from I-4 to I-5 to allow a truck rental use.

5210 Dunleigh Drive. PG Associates, Inc. and Jaye S. Bawa have filed an application to rezone a 74,000 square foot lot in the Dunleigh subdivision that was not included when the original community was developed in the late 1970's. The proposal is to add two additional homes in front of an existing residence that was built in the early 1960's. A preliminary presentation before the Braddock District Land Use Committee took place on April 21st and a meeting was also held with the Dunleigh community at the site in May. No hearing dates are yet established.

Silas Burke House 9617 Burke Lake Road (RZ-2014-SP-015 and SE-2014-SP-060). Sunrise Development, Inc. is seeking County approval for a Rezoning and Special Exception application to construct an assisted living facility at this location, the site on which the Silas Burke home is located. This project was recommended for approval by the Planning Commission and will come before the Board of Supervisors on July 28th at 3:00 p.m. To speak before the Board of Supervisors call 703-324-3151 or [sign up here](#).

Congregate Living Facility. An application for a Special Exception has been filed by Suoliang "Leon" Xie for a congregate living facility at 4008 Taylor Drive, a one block street off Little River Turnpike, in a community zoned R-1. The facility would serve as a residence for up to eight foreign exchange students who come to Fairfax County

for an American education. They would be provided with housekeeping and cooking assistance by a full time, live-in support staff. The students are in middle and high school and would be transported by van to their schools and to after school programs and tutoring. They would be placed in private schools in the area by HomeTech, Inc. which is a business owned by Mr. Xie. No changes to the house are proposed. A public hearing before the Planning Commission is tentatively scheduled for October 17th. A community meeting will be scheduled on this application for early in the fall.

Fairfax Center "Core" Study launches July 7th.

The Fairfax Center Area Study (PA 2013-III-FC1 (B)) of the Suburban Center and Area-wide Recommendations will become the focus of a citizen based working group beginning on July 7th. The group will analyze the original vision for Fairfax Center in contrast to what has actually developed and make recommendations for future land uses and the appropriate balances between residential and commercial uses. The group is expected to have about fifteen meetings to study nominations for changes to the plan as well as area wide recommendations for transportation and non-motorized uses. A link to the current nominations which were submitted at the end of May, can be found [here](#). Braddock District will be represented by Vince Picciano and Roni Robbins. For more information contact the study coordinator, [Kim Rybold](#).

Become a Member of Braddock District's Land Use & Environment Committee

Would you like to get involved with others in your community to review and comment on land use, transportation and environmental matters, including stormwater and tree preservation? If so, consider joining the Braddock District Land Use and Environment Committee!

Any resident of the Braddock District may apply for membership on the Committee. Terms are one year, from July 1st to June 30th and may be renewed annually. Members are asked to make a commitment to at least one year of service and to serve on at least one subcommittee. No previous land use experience is required.

Those interested are encouraged to attend a meeting, learn about the Committee's work, and talk with current members. [An application may be downloaded here](#) or may be requested from Supervisor Cook's office at 703-425-9300. The Membership Subcommittee reviews applications in May and June as well as any time during the year, as needed, and makes recommendations to the full Committee.

[For more information about the Committee and how to join please click here.](#)

Human Services Corner

For some people, it doesn't take much heat or time in the sun to succumb to heat-related illnesses. This is because people 65 years and older are less likely to sense heat and respond to changes in temperature. Too much heat can lead to heat exhaustion or a heat stroke. According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, heat illness and death are preventable by taking the following precautions:

Stay cool.

- Avoid direct sunlight
- Wear lightweight, light-colored clothing
- Stay in air-conditioned buildings as much as possible
- Do not rely on a fan as your primary cooling device
- Take cool showers or baths

Stay hydrated.

- Drink more water than usual
- Don't wait until you're thirsty to drink more fluids
- Drink fluids while working outside even if you don't feel thirsty
- Avoid alcohol or liquids containing high amounts of sugar.

Furthermore, the Fairfax County Cooling Assistance Program can provide assistance to residents who need help keeping their homes cool this summer through two programs locally administered by the county's Department of Family Services: the Cooling Assistance Program and the Fan Care Program. Applications for the Cooling Assistance Program are due by August 17th. You can learn more about the programs and how to apply [here](#).

Meals on Wheels Volunteers Needed

Fairfax County's Volunteer Solutions program needs substitute Meals on Wheels drivers and co-coordinators throughout the county, and the Franconia Meals on Wheels is looking for a Group Coordinator. Furthermore, the Vietnamese Meals on Wheels needs drivers in Falls Church and Annandale. The ability to speak Vietnamese is helpful, but not required. Meals on Wheels volunteers may choose to drive weekly, biweekly, monthly, or act as a substitute. Meals are delivered weekdays between 11:00 a.m. and 1:00 p.m.

New 2015 "Quick Guide" of Human Services in Northern Virginia

The Northern Virginia Regional Commission's Quick Guide Online provides information on the names, websites, and phone numbers of over 1,000 agencies that provide frequently-requested human services in Northern Virginia. The online guide is searchable by topic area or a keyword search. The Quick Guide is also now available in hard copy and up to 45 copies can be ordered from NVRC free of charge. Instructions for ordering are available on their [website](#).

Add Two Feet to Your Home: Calling Future Foster Parents!

The Foster Care programs of Northern Virginia Family Service (NVFS) are seeking foster parents, especially those who are interested in caring for siblings and teens. Northern Virginia Family Service provides strong and caring support to its foster families. The program is designed to help families get the most out of their foster and respite care experience. To help meet everyone's needs, NVFS staff provide:

- Intensive training, certification and continuing education opportunities
- Careful child/parent matching
- Ongoing support and 24-hour help from professional social workers
- Help locating support services for the children and youth in our program
- Family activities and support groups
- Parents only section of the website providing training and resources

The next training session's dates are September 12th, 19th and 26th (all three sessions mandatory) in Oakton, Virginia.

For more information, please contact Ginny Snaider, Program Supervisor, at gsnaider@nvfs.org or 571-748-2557.

Northern Virginia Senior Olympics Registration Now Open

Join the nearly 800 area adults competing in more than 50 events ranging from track and field to scrabble and dominoes. The 2015 Northern Virginia Senior Olympics competition takes place September 12th until the 25th at twenty-three venues. Events include track and field, rowing, swimming, diving, tennis, table tennis, pickleball, racquetball, handball, bocce, golf, miniature golf, ten pin bowling, Wii bowling, pool, horseshoes, men's basketball, frisbee throw, football throw, bunco, badminton, volleyball, cycling, scrabble, cribbage, duplicate bridge, softball hit and throw, and Mexican Train dominoes. Register and find more information at www.nvso.us.

Community Events throughout July

Fireflies Musical Yoga for Kids, July 13: Join award-winning songwriter and yoga instructor Kira Willey for yoga, songs, and movement at the Kings Park Library at 2:30 pm.

Braddock District Aging in Place: Independent Living Program, July 15: Aging in Place will be held from 1:00 p.m. until 3:00 p.m. at Supervisor Cook's office. This session's topic is hearing issues and devices.

Robin and His Merry Band, July 21: Impressions Theatre presents the musical story

of Robin Hood at 10:30 a.m. on July 21st at the Kings Park Library.



Canine Cruise, July 26: Treat your canine companion to a special cruise from 7:00 to 8:00 p.m. aboard Lake Accotink's pooch-friendly tour boat. The fee is \$6 per person and there is no charge for dogs. Limit one dog per person. Children must be age eight and up and accompanied by an adult if under 16. Register in advance at 703-569-0285.

Environmental Update

Help make a difference in our environment! Join volunteers throughout Fairfax County who monitor water quality in local streams. County and state officials will use the data you collect to assess the overall condition of our streams and help determine watershed management initiatives. Volunteers are trained to assess ecological conditions in streams based on the presence and abundance of benthic macroinvertebrates (aquatic insects). Volunteers also learn how to take chemical measurements about nitrate/nitrite and turbidity. Training includes indoor and field workshops and mentoring by experienced monitors. To learn more click [here](#).

Fairfax Master Naturalists Now Accepting Applications

The Fairfax Master Naturalists are a core of volunteers who work to protect and manage parks and natural areas in their communities by participating in education, stewardship, and citizen science projects in local parks and natural areas. Basic training is taught by local experts, and trainees will learn about ecology, geology, native flora and fauna, habitat management, and more. Training classes will be held on Thursdays from 7:00 until 10:00 p.m. from September 3rd to December 3rd at the Fairfax County Government Center. The course will also include four Saturday field trips. Applications must be postmarked by August 1, 2015. Visit vmnfairfax.org or e-mail vmnfairfax@gmail.com for an application.

Northern Virginia Soil & Water Conservation District's Green Breakfast

In July, the Northern Virginia Soil and Water Conservation District celebrates its 70th anniversary. Join them as they celebrate the evolution of its programs from agriculturally-focused to urban-specific at the Green Breakfast on July 11th. Breakfast begins at 8:30 a.m. at Brion's Grille (10621 Braddock Road, Fairfax, VA 22032). To attend it costs \$10.00 at the door; cash is preferred. Breakfast includes an all-you-can eat hot buffet with fresh fruit and coffee, tea, orange juice or water. If you would only like a beverage, please contact Northern Virginia Soil & Water at conservationdistrict@fairfaxcounty.gov.